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**G**OD forbid that we should be drawn into war but if we should be, America would seem once more to shake herself out of a dream to say, "Did any man deem that we were asleep? Did any man deem that we had forgotten the traditions of America? Did any man deem that he could tamper with the honor or integrity of the United States?" And in the great voice of national enthusiasm which would be raised, all the world would stand once more thrilled to hear the voice of the new world asserting the standards of justice and liberty.—PRESIDENT WILSON.

## ATTEND THE MASS MEETINGS.

**M**ASS MEETINGS at which the bond propositions will be explained are to be held from now until the close of the campaign next Friday night, and it is only fairness on the part of the voters to attend them. Every voter should show that much interest in the welfare of the city.

The first of the meetings was held last night at Ninth street and Stonewall avenue. This is not to be a campaign between men, nor to influence personalities, but a campaign of measures—an effort to do the best that can be done for Oklahoma City. Speakers at these meetings will set forth the purposes of all the proposed bond issues and the benefits to be derived from them.

This is in reality a critical time in the welfare of Oklahoma City when a decision must be made as to whether the city will go forward or stand still. It is recognized now that there is some opposition to the bond issues, but the limited number opposing them have not proposed anything better than the plans to be voted on May 26. A few want deep wells and a few want to obtain the water supply by some other means. Opponents of the bond issues are divided and have no definite plans for a water supply.

It is believed, however, that a great majority of the voters of the city realize the actual need of water, and can see that the supply must be provided if the city is to make any progress in the future. It certainly will not grow when there is hanging over it the danger of a holocaust and the certainty that during two months of the year the water supply will be cut short.

If there is any more trouble with Mexico, we may at least have the satisfaction of knowing whether or not our army airplanes can really fly.

## RECOVERY AFTER THE WAR.

**E**VERY COUNTRY engaged recovered quickly after the Napoleonic wars, and in reality it was the making of some of them. It is predicted by some, though, that this cannot be repeated at the close of the present European conflict.

No proof is offered against such recovery. It may be observed. It is just a prediction based upon nothing that resembles sound argument. It is well to remember that the nineteenth century was a time of rapid progress in the matter of mechanical invention and progress, and that the greatest prosperity the world has known was based upon it.

There has been a slackening. It is true, but the limit has not been reached. There may never be another Edison, to set in motion as great movements in the industrial world as have resulted from his invention, but there will be many others who will try to do as well.

Today a thousand laboratories are working on problems, the solution of which will bring new industries, new wealth and new occupations. The soil is still where it was before the war began, reddened in some places, to be sure, but still tillable. At any rate it cannot be said that the production will apply to this part of the world.

Chinese revolutionaries have named Li Yuan Hong president, but a part of his name does not have a very safe or convincing sound.

## DIGNITY OF JUSTICE HUGHES.

**W**HATEVER ELSE may be said by Justice Hughes, it must be admitted that he has remained perfectly calm throughout the campaign up to this time, and that he has maintained the dignified position assumed by him when first the subject of his candidacy for the presidential nomination was mentioned. Justice Hughes evidently entertains the theory that the office should seek the man.

There is reason to believe, too, that such a stand as that taken by Justice Hughes is admired by the American people, for the Hughes boom shows no signs of collapsing. It is generally understood that the eminent jurist found what he said when he stated that his position on the bench prevented him from making known his stand on political issues. Had he made such a statement of his views when called upon to do so it would have been regarded as a bid for the nomination. Justice Hughes has steadfastly refused to enter the race by that route.

Admiration for Justice Hughes on account of his dignified attitude is very apparent. He has the respect of the people of his party and even the politicians stand in considerable awe of him. The progressives engaged in managing the affairs of the republicans, as far as the nomination of a candidate for president is concerned, are considerably at sea when it comes to disposing of Justice Hughes. They have no object except to secure the nomination of Roosevelt, their hero, and it is beginning to look as though Justice Hughes were standing in the way. Even the colonels' club, which appeared so formidable at first, may not prove effective.

Charles J. Cannon is 80 years old, and unlike some of the others who are also old enough to know better, he does not believe he could be nominated for president.

## GREECE IS READY TO MOVE.

**W**HETHER OR NOT it was in defiance of royal authority is not stated, but a recent mass meeting at Saloniki showed the temper of the Greeks in a convincing way. There have been other indications of it since the mass meeting was held.

The demand was made for intervention on the side of the allies, which was not at all surprising, for it is beyond question that the Greeks prefer constitutional liberty and not the despotism of their ruler and that of Germany, Bulgaria and Turkey. It means that the people are against their ruler. If the meeting was not sanctioned, if royal consent was given, then it means that Constantine has about given up the idea of maintaining a pro-German neutrality and has decided to stand to the will of the people.

Greece as a buffer for the entente powers could soon change the whole of the near-eastern balance of forces. It could add much weight there, and the possibility of entering seems nearer now than it has at any time in the past. It is significant that any news of this character does not come from Saloniki or Athens, but is always brought outside the kingdom before it is given to the world. This is taken to mean that action is not taken with the consent of King Constantine.

Among the offices not sought by candidates, as may have been noticed, is that of lord lieutenant of Ireland, which is not at this stage an attractive position for an Englishman.

## MEXICAN FUTILITY SHOWN.

**C**OLONEL MORIN is under arrest at Kinross, Tex., on the charge of plotting an uprising of Mexicans against the residents of that state. Colonel Morin was heavily armed and is said to have been a former Villa officer.

Mexicans are rather numerous in Texas and other border states. There are many of them in Oklahoma, and heretofore they have been regarded as harmless creatures, employed in railroad section work or by contractors in grading. They do not appear warlike nor even when heavily armed they do not present a formidable appearance. As laborers they are usually inoffensive. Few of them speak the language of this country well enough to make themselves understood.

These men work for low wages, the class of work they do not being of a kind that commands the highest pay, but at that they are infinitely better off than they would be in their own country. It is almost inconceivable that they could be persuaded to go into an uprising against Americans, but there is no way of accounting for Mexican nature. They should know, if they had average intelligence, that they would all be killed without having accomplished anything.

Such a plot, however, shows Mexican ignorance and futility. The publication of a story not long since to the effect that Villa had captured three of the south-western states and was making a victorious march toward Washington is of the kind that the Mexican in his ignorance loves to believe.

Mexico is cursed with revolutions, with landits and outlaws of every description, and dense ignorance is the basis on which all of its ills have their foundation.

Walt Mason's  
Prose Poem

MUSIC



**G**RIEF is brooding at my portal,  
Woe is knocking at my door;  
I no longer sing and chortle, as I  
did in days of yore. I'm not whist-  
ling as I labor, no one hears my merry  
laugh, for, alas, my next-door neigh-  
bor has a new cheap phonog-  
raph. It has got a tone tin-  
ny, and it makes me writhe  
and sweat, and I say to gentle  
Annie, "It will drive me dippy  
yet." Now it  
routs, in tones  
of Stentor, some  
old spud that  
should be run-  
ning at Puck's  
Center, with re-  
frain by Harry's  
Band. And the songs it reproduces  
give me fits in the face, they are  
sung by cheap exquisites who make music  
through the nose. And it's going al-  
ways, always, all day long I hear it  
wherever I turn, and that my gal-  
ways, throw a fit and bite my knees.  
I have called on Bess, the copper, but  
she said, "Well, I'm no doctor, but I  
saw the law and stop her, but he says  
there's no recourse. So I suffer pain  
immortal, and my heart is sick and  
sore, grief is brooding at my portal,  
and woe is knocking at my door."



Correspondents on the Mexican border  
have already experienced their own first  
hand in the sound of heavy ar-  
maments, but they may think of it in a  
day or two.

Hearing of the Mexican charges has  
been repeated. Brandeis may in time  
become as regular as Lorraine.

Paul Cottrell of The Oklahomaian is try-  
ing to get up in the world. He wanted  
to fly in an airplane when the tri-  
plets reached Okmulgee.

Guards won by Billie Burke in the  
gymnastics cost \$10,000, and that is one  
of the few stories of movie finance the  
public can believe.

Tails must be remembered, hand-  
sapped though, when it comes to enter-  
taining a Sunday school convention.

Justice Hughes felt haunted when a  
delegation asked him to take the presi-  
dential nomination. They couldn't find  
the colonel with a request of that kind.

Those who want to bet on whether  
our relations with Germany will stay  
put or bust may do so by seeing Ludwig,  
the Big Four having been run out of  
town by John Embury and the police.

## Echoes from Hotel Lobbies

A half hour spent some morning at  
the 11 o'clock assembly in your high-  
school auditorium is time far from  
wasted. It is one of the most beautiful  
and instructive experiences I have had  
in some time.

The 11 o'clock assembly at St. Joseph's  
high school and here concern had  
retained to the Kingsdale hotel  
Thursday after a trip to the high school  
auditorium, during which he addressed  
the annual presentation of medals to  
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The first impression one receives  
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## Bits of By Play

(Copyright, 1914.)

**Same Old Grip.**  
This time of year comes Samuel Hogg,  
the greatest of peritons.  
He takes a vacation every spring,  
And takes woe and misery.

**The Wise Fool.**  
"Providence tempests the wind to the  
short lands," observed the sage.  
"Yes," replied the fool, "but not to the  
unimpaired atest."

**Mean Brute!**  
"The worst all graduate I hear,"  
Said grumpy Mr. Caine,  
"You shall tell us that Italy  
is still beyond the Alps."

**Wise Lam.**  
"I see that Tom Johnson is still rep-  
resenting this district in congress," re-  
marked the man from Hicks county.  
"I think no way to beat that fellow!"  
"I never ran," replied the Scrabble  
county politician. "We thought we had  
him before the act election. We had a  
big baby show at the county fair and  
most every woman in the county and a  
well in it. We saw that that Lem was  
made judge of the baby show and we  
knew he'd get in but when he was  
made the blue ribbon, but what do you reckon  
that dem joker did?"

"I dunno," replied the Hicks county  
man.  
"Why," snapped the Scrabble county  
man, "he fussed around all day and  
kissed every baby in the show and then  
he decided it was a dead heat and he  
made the county fair board give every  
baby in the show a blue ribbon. And of  
course we couldn't beat him after that."

**Huh!**  
In baggage rooms you have often met  
My friend Lorraine Heizer.  
He is a baggage smasher, set  
He wears a cheap protector.

**Ouch!**  
"Ever hear the story about the young  
farmer who went to town and bought a  
sawm of bees and a new widow and  
married her?"  
"Yes," replied the old farmer. "What  
happened to him?"  
"He got stung," replied the groom.

**A Gentle.**  
"Mr. John's bright brought Mr. South,  
"He was as smart as he is sweet.  
He put his toes into his mouth.  
He knows how to make both ends meet."

**Correct.**  
Once upon a time a woman called into  
a shop and bought what she wanted. At  
once without paying anything for today  
she left. She was all right, but she be-  
gan with once upon a time—Columbia  
State.

**Boy, Page the Story!**  
We do not fear much of the race  
which lingers these days. Wonder who  
will outlast Teddy? But what we started  
to remark was that Mr. and Mrs. Walter  
Fopps live at Allen, Iowa.

**That Hunk Again.**  
I know this hunk.  
He'll never stop.  
He always says  
A hunk is a drop—R. R. T.

**Any Other Nominations.**  
Dear Luke, I nominate William  
Synnott, cashier of the First National  
bank of Norman, Okla., as chaplain of  
the club—Checkers, Fort Worth, Texas.

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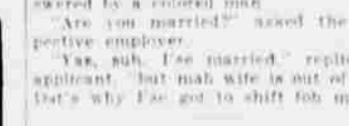
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Old Stories  
In New Type

(FROM THE TIMES FILES)

## TWENTY YEARS AGO.

At twenty minutes before 4 o'clock  
this afternoon a funnel or top-shaped  
cloud formed three miles west of the  
city and moved slowly northeast retain-  
ing its cylindrical shape for twenty-five  
miles. It is too early to learn of its  
damage, but when it struck the ground  
an enormous cloud of dust was thrown  
up several hundred feet in the air. It  
crossed the Santa Fe one mile south of  
Triton. Reported thirty yards wide and  
taking everything before it.

George Emerick and Thomas Kelley of  
the volunteer fire department went to  
Norman today to attend the fireman's  
ball there tonight.

W. F. McIntyre, as land agent for the  
Choctaw, Oklahoma & Gulf railway, has  
sold the town of Choctaw City, consist-  
ing of 500 lots to a syndicate here in  
Oklahoma City.

All farmers wanting infected bugs can  
get them at Hogan & Co's drug store  
by bringing other bugs and trading them  
for infected bugs.

## FIFTEEN YEARS AGO.

The Choctaw is grading down the  
north side of its right-of-way between  
Haskell and the Oklahoma line and  
"old storage" plant, and will in the near  
future place another switch along where  
the grade now is.

Robert Channing, J. S. Russell and John  
L. Brown have been appointed as a com-  
mittee to have in charge the raising of  
funds for the building of a Baptist  
church on the south side, which will be  
located at the corner of Washington and  
Walker streets.

The Wholesale and Manufacturers' as-  
sociation will meet tonight at the Alex-  
ander drug company to perfect organi-  
zation.

Mrs. Mary A. Harn died Sunday at an  
advanced age at the home of her son,  
W. P. Harn, on East Eleventh street.  
The funeral will be held Wednesday  
morning.

George Barnett resigned from the  
Oklahoma Ticket Broker's association at  
Haskell this Saturday, where he received  
the honor of being elected vice president  
of the association.

## TEN YEARS AGO.

The Oklahoma City Parking company  
announced this morning that this morning  
enabling a loss of \$15,000.

The Agricultural and Mechanical col-  
lege at Stillwater won the cup yesterday  
at the field meet defeating the state uni-  
versity at Norman by only 2 points. It  
was a close finish and was witnessed by  
3,500 people.

At the meeting of the East Side Im-  
provement club last night at Stiles park,  
Officers elected were: President, W.  
W. Storm; vice presidents, O. A. Mitter,  
P. M. Powell, John Burrows, R. F.  
Owen, T. B. Newell and C. P. Jiles;  
secretary, K. W. Dawson, and treasurer,  
O. C. Durland.

Edward Klein representing the Normal  
school at Edmond won the oratorical  
contest last night. Harvey Ritter of the  
Northern school being second, and T.  
P. Carey of the State University  
third.

## Everyday Wisdom

BY DON HEROLD

While they are undoubtedly much  
safer, fireproof whiners are never the  
same again.

A fortune awaits the man who will  
discover some good way to ventilate a  
bird cage.

In some states it is a penitentiary of-  
fense to play an accordion.

Many a man who has conquered em-  
pires is stalled when it comes to wrap-  
ping up a package.

One of the best ways to let the water  
out of the bathtub is to pull the plug.

Many people have found it possible to  
live without some of their most vital or-  
gans, for instance, the brain.

The stern father came unannounced in-  
to the parlor and was much shocked to  
see his daughter and her "young man"  
occupying the same chair.

"Sit down," he said, shaking his head  
solemnly, "when I was courting my wife,  
she sat on one side of the room and I  
sat on the other."

"Well," replied the editor, "not in the  
least abashed, that's what I should  
have done if I had been courting your  
wife."

## MUTT AND JEFF—It Looks as Though Jeff Might Have to Come up for Air.

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